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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"ELECTRONIC OR ELECTRICAL COMPONENT WITH A PLASTIC-PASSIVATED SURFACE AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION THEREOF"

Case No. P99,0663, the specification of which

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is attached hereto.

was filed on April 21, 1999, as
Application Serial No. 09/295,917
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I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).¹

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Number

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April 22, 1998

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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Country

Date

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disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, prepared by the firm of Hill & Simpson, A Professional Corporation of Chicago, Illinois, and executed of even date herewith, said application being identified in the office records of said firm as Case No. **P99,0663**, and in our own records as Case No. **GR98P1559US**, and in the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Offices and in and to the United States Letters Patent therefor, when issued, together with all improvements thereon and betterments thereof, all divisions, continuations and reissues thereof and substitutions of or for said application, and all rights and privileges under the Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, including the right to claim the benefit of an earlier filing date for the same invention in a foreign country.

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For the same consideration, we hereby agree that we will promptly communicate to the aforesaid assignee or its assigns full and complete information concerning said improvements or betterments of the inventions disclosed in said application, and will cooperate at any time upon request of said assignee or its assigns, at its expense, in the procurement of patent protection to cover the inventions herein assigned and to be assigned, including the execution of new divisional, continuing and reissue applications; will make all rightful oaths, will testify in any proceedings in the United States Patent Office or in the Courts, and generally will do everything lawfully possible to aid said assignee, its successors, assigns and nominees to obtain, enjoy and enforce proper patent protection for the inventions embraced within the terms of this document.

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